

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of selecting among a plurality of alert conditions for processing with a resource management system, the method comprising:
  - 5 associating a priority indication with at least some resources in a computer system;
  - identifying resources associated with the alert conditions; and
  - selecting an alert condition from among the alert conditions based on the priority indication associated with the identified resources.
- 10 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein associating a priority indication with at least some resources comprises prioritizing at least some of the resources relative to each other.
3. The method of Claim 1, wherein associating a priority indication with at least some resources comprises prioritizing at least some of the resources based on their importance to operation of a business.
- 15 4. The method of Claim 1, wherein associating a priority indication with at least some resources comprises prioritizing at least some of the resources based on an affect of their failure on other resources in the computer system.
5. The method of Claim 1, wherein associating a priority indication with at least some resources comprises assigning a priority indication based on whether a 20 resource is a server of information for predetermined computers in the computer system.
6. The method of Claim 1, wherein associating a priority indication with at least some resources comprises assigning a priority indication based on whether a resource is a server of information for predetermined software applications in the 25 computer system.
7. The method of Claim 1, wherein associating a priority indication with at least some resources comprises assigning a priority indication based on whether a resource is a predetermined server of information in the computer system.

8. The method of Claim 1, wherein associating a priority indication with at least some resources comprises assigning a priority indication based on the resources' current placement in a computer system that is dynamically configured and provisioned to handle on-demand needs.

5 9. The method of Claim 1, further comprising determining when a threshold metric associated with at least some of the alert conditions has been satisfied, wherein selecting an alert condition from among the alert conditions based on the priority indication associated with the identified resources is carried out responsive to the determination that the threshold metric has been satisfied.

10 10. The method of Claim 9, wherein determining when a threshold metric associated with at least some of the alert conditions has been satisfied comprises determining when a number of queued alert conditions for the resource management system satisfies a threshold number.

15 11. The method of Claim 9, wherein determining when a threshold metric associated with at least some of the alert conditions has been satisfied comprises determining when a waiting time for alert conditions to be handled by the resource management system satisfies a threshold time.

20 12. The method of Claim 9, wherein determining when a threshold metric associated with at least some of the alert conditions has been satisfied comprises determining when a threshold rate of alert conditions are received for the resource management system.

13. A computer system comprising:  
a plurality of resources; and  
a resource management system that is configured to associate a priority  
25 indication with at least some of the resources, that is configured to identify the resources associated with alert conditions, and that is configured to select an alert condition from among the alert conditions based on the priority indication associated with the identified resources.

30 14. The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the resource management system is configured to notify a user of the selected alert condition.

15. The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the resource management system is configured to initiate a corrective action based on the selected alert condition.

16. The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the resource management  
5 system is configured to receive the alert conditions from at least some of the resources.

17. The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the resource management system is configured to monitor at least one metric associated with at least some of the resources and to generate the alert conditions based on the monitored metric.

10 18. A computer program product for selecting among a plurality of alert conditions for processing by a resource monitoring system, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein, the computer readable program code comprising:

15 computer readable program code that is configured to associate a priority indication with at least some resources in a computer system;

computer readable program code that is configured to identify resources associated with the alert conditions; and

20 computer readable program code that is configured to select an alert condition from among the alert conditions based on the priority indication associated with the identified resources.

19. The computer program product of Claim 18, further comprising program code that is configured to initiate a corrective action based on the selected alert condition.

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20. The computer program product of Claim 18, further comprising program code that is configured to display the selected alert condition to a user.